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WORLD WATCHES, WAITS

In this picture released by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, cardinals enter the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican on Tuesday to start the conclave to elect the 266th Roman Catholic pope. Cardinals from around the globe locked themselves inside the chapel to choose a new leader for the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and their troubled church. **Story, page 5.** L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Caught texting & driving? You may lose your phone

Cracking down on distracted drivers. Saskatchewan police to consider calling for cellphone seizures from multiple offenders

ROSS ROMANIUK
Metro in Regina

Saskatchewan's top cops will soon consider whether distracted drivers should lose their cellphones after they're caught using them more than once behind the wheel.

At a meeting next month, the province's municipal police chiefs and RCMP will discuss a possible recommendation they could make to have officers seize cellphones from repeat offenders.

"It's a very serious issue, and that's why we have it on our agenda," Saskatoon police Chief Clive Weighill, vice-president of the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, said on Tuesday.

"We still see people driving and texting and using their cellphones. It's right across the province."

The discussion, and possibly a call to the Saskatchewan government for stiffer fines, comes after the British Columbia Chiefs of Police Association's traffic committee recommended last week that officers in that province be given authority to confiscate phones from drivers caught multiple times.

The B.C. police committee's proposal is for drivers to lose their cellphones for 24 hours for second offences, and for up to five days for further violations. The phones would possibly be taken for good upon subsequent infractions.

However, the B.C. government would have to legislate such toughened penalties, as is the case in Saskatchewan.

"It would have to be discussed with the government and would have to go through consultation, and legislation would have to be changed," Weighill explained. "But we would want to stand on one side or the other of the question."

Weighill didn't specify what changes he might want, noting the meeting in Weyburn in April will clarify viewpoints.

Current penalty

$280

Saskatoon police Chief Clive Weighill noted Saskatchewan's current penalty for using a cellphone while driving is a $280 fine and four licence demerit points. Saskatoon police, he said, generally issue six to 10 such tickets a day.

Not ready for serving

A 30-metre buffer zone was among the contentious proposed regulations in a food-truck policy presented to city councillors PAGE 3

Conjuring up a hit movie

The upcoming Incredible Burt Wonderstone isn't exactly the first time Hollywood has ventured into the world of magic PAGE 11

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Saskatoon food-truck policy stalled out in committee

This Vancouver food truck, Tacofino Cantina, parks at the side of the road getting ready to serve the lunch crowd. Administration for the city of Saskatoon compared policies from a number of cities that allow food trucks, including Vancouver. FLICKR.COM: ARE YOU GONNA EAT THAT

Can't suffer the buffer.
Committee members not sold on requiring food trucks to operate at least 30 metres away from restaurants

JANE CAULFIELD
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After a lengthy discussion, the city's planning and operations committee decided the food-truck policy that was presented to committee on Tuesday needs some retooling before it goes to city council for final approval.

Committee members raised concerns over a number of regulations outlined in the original policy, specifically those of taxation and the 30-metre buffer zone between a food truck and an existing restaurant.

Councillors Darren Hill and Mairin Loewen said they felt the 30-metre buffer would limit the ability for a food-truck proprietor to successfully operate a business.

"I will not be supporting the 30 metres. I can support 10 metres and also a description that would prohibit them from being directly across the block," said Hill.

Similarly, a buffer of 30 metres leaves no room for food trucks in the Broadway area — a business district that would favour the arrival of food trucks, according to Coun. Charlie Clark.

Committee chair Coun. Randy Donauer said he isn't concerned about placement, but would like to see an in-depth examination on how other cities tax food trucks to ensure there is a level playing field for all businesses.

Agenda-spotting

Here are some additional items that city administration will be examining.

- Clustering food trucks, or having more on one block, is a viable option
- Eliminating the clause that gave business districts discretion around alternate food-truck location
- Broadening consultation to include hotels and restaurants beyond those that the city has already spoken with

Property company won't increase rents

Rent increases as high as 77 per cent at a Regina apartment building have been withdrawn.

Building owner Castle Mountain Properties has decided not to go ahead after a meeting with the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Industry Association.

The association says the Calgary-based company didn't realize that increases of more than 10 per cent are not typical.

The association suggested making smaller increases over a longer period of time would cause less hardship for tenants.

Castle Mountain Properties says in a letter that it will contact tenants in the near future.

One senior had said that the rent on her small two-bedroom apartment was to go up to almost $1,200 a month from $675.

"Once informed of what's 'normal,' the owner chose to quickly withdraw the offensive increases," the rental association said Tuesday in a news release.

"Moving forward they have proposed that they will talk with tenants on an individual basis to establish an action that can be agreeable to the tenant yet achieve the goal of market value for the building."

Several tenants in the building went to the Saskatchewan legislature last week to plead for help. They suggested the province should bring in rent controls.

Justice Minister Gord Wyant said that was not something he would consider because it would be a "disincentive to improving properties." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province getting new equipment to monitor air quality

Airpointers. Devices to watch for pollutants associated with the oil-and-gas industry

New federal funding will go toward the installation of air-monitoring devices in regions affected by Saskatchewan's growing oil-and-gas sector.

The project, put together by Western Economic Diversification Canada, will see a $400,000 investment from the federal government matched by the Southeast Saskatchewan Airshed Association and the Western Yellowhead Air Management Zone, non-profit organizations responsible for self-monitoring air quality in these areas.

The devices, which are known as airpointers, will continuously monitor common pollutants associated with the oil-and-gas industry in real time. The data collected will allow companies working in the area to respond and resolve problems before public-health issues emerge.

Pollutants

"With the monitors it will tell us specifically what the gas is, what we are dealing with and what are the pollutants."

Ray Boughen, Conservative MP for Palliser

The funding was announced in Regina on Tuesday by the Conservative MP for Palliser, Ray Boughen.

"As a government we have made a commitment to do what we can to avoid polluting the environment, which of course includes air and water," said Boughen. "They are particularly useful in oil-patch shields where there is a lot of drilling and a lot of escaping gases."

The equipment will be placed in the southeast and west-central regions of the province, areas with large amounts of oil and gas production.

"It is a monitoring system that will point to a need to some corrective action," said Boughen.

"Our government is working with industry to manage resource development in a responsible manner. This project ensures the continued good health and well-being of Canadians, while industrial activity creates jobs and economic prosperity."

JEFF MACKEY/METRO IN REGINA

Ray Boughen, Conservative MP for Palliser, addresses the media after the announcement for funding of new air-monitoring equipment. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

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BRINGING CHILD SPONSORSHIP HOME

Saskatoon native and local lawyer Jenny Underhill had been a World Vision sponsor for several years when she received a surprise call from the organization in December 2012. World Vision was travelling with CTV to Zambia; since Underhill sponsors a young boy named Faith who lives in Zambia, she was invited to send him a few small gifts and a video message along with CTV reporter Jennifer Jellicoe.

"Of course I was thrilled to get the opportunity," Underhill says. "So I excitedly picked out a few things."

What Underhill didn't anticipate was how profound the next step would be for her.

Upon the CTV crew's return, Underhill watched video footage of Faith receiving his gifts. Fighting tears, she says, "I get choked up thinking about it. To see the appreciation on his face at what are really trivial gifts … I have to say, it changed me. It really did."

Jenny Underhill

Before December, Underhill's involvement with World Vision was, as she says, at the "most basic sponsor level." But since making contact with Faith, Underhill is brimming with enthusiasm and renewed vision.

Faith

She is particularly excited to share her story within her circle of influence, because, as she remembers, it was another's personal account that led her to sponsor Faith in the first place.

Six years ago, Underhill attended a concert at Saskatoon's Broadway Theatre where Greek entertainer Pavlo shared his story as a World Vision child sponsor — and it caught Underhill's attention.

"All of the sudden it became more real."

Underhill has become a passionate advocate for child sponsorship through World Vision, starting at home, where she uses her tangible connection with Faith to teach her children about social responsibility and appreciation for the life we enjoy in Saskatchewan.

"What we consider the basics — clean water, medical care, food, and government support programs — these are more or less expected, and we're so lucky for that," she says. "But they are non-existent for these children that are looking for sponsors. And so little can make such a change in the lives of these children, their families, and their entire communities."

The faithful brave rain and cold to wait for smoke to rise above the Sistine Chapel Tuesday. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

Dark smoke signals more anxiety for the faithful

Papal election.
Cardinals fail to vote in new pope on first try

Black smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel chimney on Tuesday, signalling that cardinals had failed on their first vote of the papal conclave to choose a new leader for the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and their troubled church.

Surrounded by Michelangelo's imposing frescoes depicting the beginning and end of the world, cardinals locked themselves into the chapel following a final appeal for unity to heal the divisions that have been exposed by Pope Benedict XVI's shocking resignation and revelations of corruption and mismanagement in the Vatican bureaucracy.

Led by prelates holding a crucifix and candles, the 115 scarlet-robed prelates chanted the Litany of Saints, the hypnotic Gregorian chant imploring the intercession of the saints to guide their voting, before the master of liturgical ceremonies intoned "extra omnes" or "all out" and closed the heavy wooden doors.

Outside, thousands of people braved cold night rain and packed St. Peter's Square, eyes fixed on the narrow chimney poking out of the Sistine Chapel roof. They were answered some three hours after the conclave began when thick black smoke billowed out of the chimney, signalling that no pope had been elected.

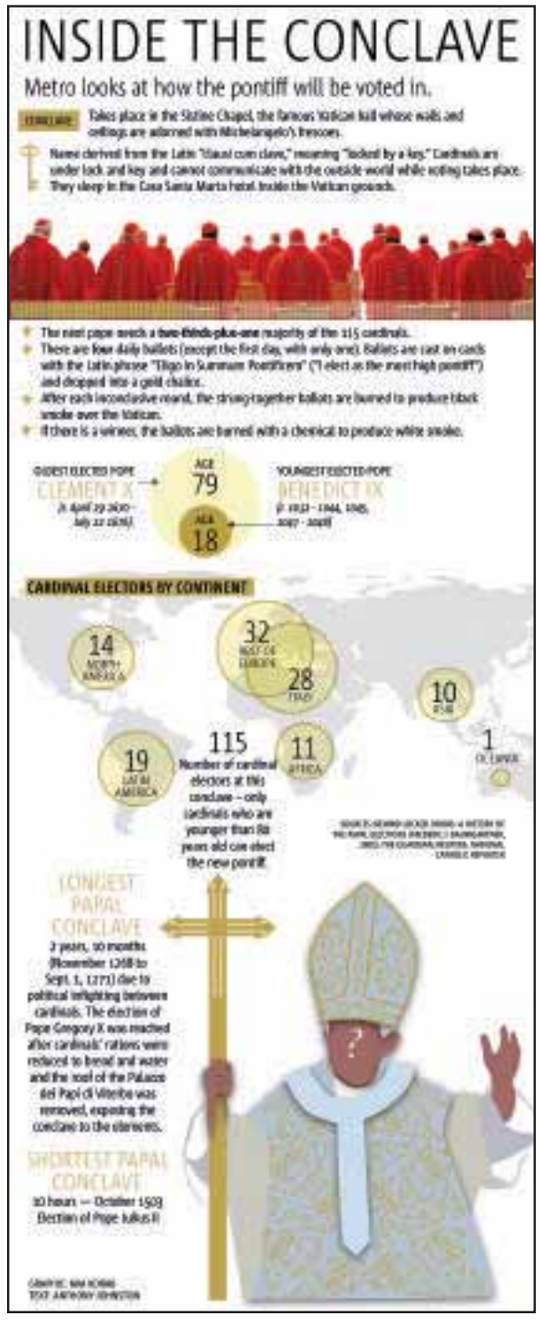
The cardinals resume voting Wednesday morning.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taking bets

Bookmakers in betting-mad Britain are cashing in on the Roman Catholic conclave to select a new pope.

- **Main game.** Cardinal Angelo Scola of Milan was leading the pack for many. Ladbrokes had the Italian with odds of 2-1, while Paddy Power and William Hill had him at 9-4. Paddy Power was taking bets that the next pope will hail from Italy at 1-1.
- **Waiting game.** People are also placing bets on how long it will take the cardinals to elect a pope. William Hill had Tuesday as the favourite, at 5-2, with 6-4 odds on Wednesday.
- **Name game.** Paddy Power's second-largest pope-related market is for what name Benedict's successor will take — with Leo, Gregory and Pius among the most popular predictions.


INSIDE THE CONCLAVE
Metro looks at how the pontiff will be voted in.
Takes place in the Sistine Chapel, the famous Vatican hall whose walls and ceilings are adorned with Michelangelo's frescoes.
Name derived from the Latin "Clausi cum clave," meaning "locked by a key." Cardinals are under lock and key and cannot communicate with the outside world while voting takes place. They sleep in the Casa Santa Marta hotel, inside the Vatican grounds.
The next pope needs a two-thirds-plus-one majority of the 115 cardinals.
There are four daily ballots (except the first day, with only one). Ballots are cast on cards with the Latin phrase "Eligo in Summum Pontificem" ("I elect as the most high pontiff") and dropped into a gold chalice.
After each inconclusive round, the straw-together ballots are burned to produce black smoke over the Vatican.
If there is a winner, the ballots are burned with a chemical to produce white smoke.
OLDEST ELECTED POPE
CLEMENT X
(1 April 29 2670 - July 22 2676)
AGE 79
AGE 18
YOUNGEST ELECTED POPE
BENEDICT IX
(1 1032 - 1044, 1045, 1047 - 1048)
CARDINAL ELECTORS BY CONTINENT
14
32
28
10
19
115
Number of cardinal electors at this conclave – only cardinals who are younger than 80 years old can elect the new pontiff.
11
1
LONGEST PAPAL CONCLAVE
2 years, 10 months (November 1268 to Sept. 1, 1271) due to political infighting between cardinals. The election of Pope Gregory X was reached after cardinals' rations were reduced to bread and water and the roof of the Palazzo dei Papi di Viterbo was removed, exposing the conclave to the elements.
SHORTEST PAPAL CONCLAVE
10 hours — October 1503
Election of Pope Julius II

China. River runs red with plague of dead pigs

The number of dead pigs found floating in a river flowing into Shanghai has reached nearly 6,000.

The Shanghai municipal government said in an online announcement that 5,916 swine carcasses had been retrieved from Huangpu River by Tuesday afternoon but added that municipal water remains safe.

The surge in the dumping of dead pigs — believed to be from pig farms in the upstream Jiaxing area in the neighbouring Zhejiang province — has followed police campaigns to curb the illicit trade of pork products harvested from diseased pigs.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freedom of the press

Mali's media fall silent in protest

The airwaves in Mali's capital went quiet on Tuesday and newspapers didn't print a morning edition in protest over the arrest last week of an editor who published a letter challenging the incredibly high salary of the country's coup leader.

Boukary Daou was taken away by agents on March 6 after his newspaper published a letter denouncing Capt. Amadou Haya Sanogo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Estonia

Book returned 69 years late

An Estonian man has returned a library book 69 years late, partly blaming a Second World War aerial bombing that damaged the library.

Ivika Turkson of the Tallinn Central Library says that last week the man in his mid-80s returned the overdue book — checked out in 1944, while Estonia was occupied by Nazi Germany — along with an apology and an offer to pay a late fee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The research

What do Canadians know?

Canadians do care about where they come from, according to the latest stats from Ancestry.ca.

- 91% of Canadians feel that knowing one's family history is important.
- 44% of Canadians have researched their family history.
- 41% say they heard an interesting story about their ancestor from a relative and this prompted them to research their family history.
- 42% wish they knew more about their family history.

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Ninety-one per cent of Canadians think family history is vital. ISTOCK

The unknown

What do Canadians not know?

While 91 per cent of Canadians think it's important to know one's history, many do not have the information to do so.

- 44% don't know when their family first arrived in Canada.
- 34% don't know either of their grandmother's maiden names.
- 37% don't know the occupation of their grandfathers.
- 37% don't know where either of their grandparents or great grandparents were born.
- 34% are unsure if any of their ancestors fought in either of the World Wars.
- 50% of Canadians don't know if any of their ancestors have been awarded a medal for their military service.

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In this ever-changing world it's easy to lose sight of who you are and where you came from. People move, families are separated and personal histories fade like tattered photographs yellowing in old shoe boxes. In this three-part series on genealogy, Metro Canada will help you replant the seed of family knowledge and recreate those missing branches. In this first instalment, we have teamed up with Ancestry.ca to get you started in your quest into the past — through family albums, old birth records and stories that may amaze you. Tomorrow we will take a look at some of the surprises that may have budded on your family tree, and on Friday we'll end the series with a look into the microscopic knowledge of DNA and what it can teach you about your genetic past.

A trek across space and time to self-discovery

Family history. How one woman learned about all the things her grandmother never told her

SHELLEY COOK
For Metro

It all started in 1977, when Linda Kawamoto, now Linda Reid, found a story written by a woman with the same name as her grandmother.

The story, which won first place in a historical-writing contest, chronicled a young Japanese woman's journey of coming to Canada from Japan in 1907 as a "picture bride"

"When I saw this story, I thought 'Could this be my grandmother?'" said Reid in a telephone interview from her office at the Nikkei Nation Museum in Burnaby, B.C.

A curious Reid did some investigating and discovered that the story was indeed written by her grandmother, Koto Kawamoto.

"I thought, 'Wow, this is really cool. Here she is talking about all the things that she would have never told me,'" explained Reid, who was very close to her grandmother.

Eager to learn more about her family history, Reid began the task of tracing her family's roots, starting in 1902 when her young grandfather, Sansuke Kawamoto, travelled across the ocean from Meiji, Japan, to Victoria, B.C., in the hopes of finding a more prosperous life in Canada.

For five years the young man worked hard, tilling land in B.C.'s Fraser Valley.

When he earned enough to buy his own land, Reid's grandfather built a little home and began cultivating farmland on his property to make a living.

After his new picture bride — he selected her through a photo shown to him by a matchmaker — arrived in 1907, she joined in on the long hours of work. The young couple established a good life for themselves in Canada.

During the Second World War, like most Japanese people in B.C., Reid's grandparents were placed in Japanese internment camps. Everything they'd worked so hard for was lost — their 10 acres of land, their home and all of their belongings were taken and auctioned off by the B.C. Security Commission.

"It was a really painful time for Japanese people in Canadian history," Reid explained, adding many people to this day still don't like to talk about it.

"Thankfully my dad has always been very good about talking about it."

For Reid, learning about her grandparents' journey has created a whole new journey for herself. "It was my grandmother's story that really peaked my curiosity," Reid explained. "I started reading a lot of books and doing research like that. I didn't get into genealogy until the 1980s."

The research archivist has taken trips back to her grandparents' homeland, in search of learning more. She is also a longtime member of Ancestry.ca, where she has found documents and information that has helped in her research.

Reid's interest and curiosity in genealogy and family research has not only helped her find her roots, it has also been key in assisting others in their search to learn about their family's histories.

"It's like a passion for me," she said. "It's taken me into a number of wild directions."

Online

Notorious or famous? Does your family tree have an interesting branch? Tweet us about them at #metrofamous

The top photo was taken in 1927. From Kimiko, left, Fukuyo (standing), Sueyo, Koto, Makoto (boy in front), unknown (tall man in back), Sansuke, Hiroshi (boy in front with hat — Reid's father), Midori, Masao, Tsugio. This photo was taken at the family farm in Haney, B.C. The property was bought in 1920, confiscated in 1942 and sold in 1943 without consent.

In the black and white shot taken in 1913, Reid's grandmother Koto Kawamoto is seen in a kimono with her three oldest children, Masao, left, Fukuyo, centre and Kimiko Kawamoto.

In the bottom photo, Linda Reid cleans the gravesite of her ancestors in Japan. Reid's grandfather built this monument to his family in 1927. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA REID

Did you know?

Additional source

The Mormon church is well known for its collection of genealogy records.

You can do a free search on the Mormon church's huge genealogy record collection (2.5 billion names to be exact) at familysearch.org.

Be sure to input various spellings of the surname and first name for which you are searching.

Try even using first initials if you can't find the person you are searching for by using a full name.

You can also access records, get free help and collaborate with other people seeking to build their family tree.

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Records exist to research African-Canadian genealogy. ISTOCK

African-Canadians

Debunking popular belief

Records do exist for researching African-Canadian genealogy.

From 1793 until the end of the American Civil War in 1895, more than 30,000 slaves came to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Other migrations occurred during the War of 1812, from California to Vancouver Island from 1858 to 1860, as well as between 1909 and 1911, when more than 1,500 farmers moved to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Library and Archives Canada offers various sources. Among them are The Muster Book of Free Blacks (who were among loyalist refugees when they settled in Nova Scotia) and the Book of Negroes (contains names of black loyalists, their origins, names of their white associates, ships that carried them and more).

Meanwhile, other documents include a list of black chaplains enlisted in the Canadian army (1942 to 1944), and the Canadian Pacific Railways' list of black porters (1930 to 1956). METRO

Tomorrow

Which famous stars share more than a Canadian passport? Read tomorrow's Metro to find out.

Filling out the branches of your tree

Getting started. Even if you know next to nothing about your family, finding out is easier than you think

SHELLEY COOK
For Metro

So you want to learn about your family history, but you don't know where to begin.

Lesley Anderson, content specialist and spokesperson for Ancestry.ca, has some tips on how you can begin your genealogy journey.

"I always tell people to start with what they know and then go backwards," she said in a telephone interview from her Ottawa office. "Start asking family members to fill in the blanks. They might have old birth certificates, pictures, bibles or stories.

"Times have changed and archives are realizing that genealogists and family researchers are the ones who want digital documents to be recognized," says Anderson.

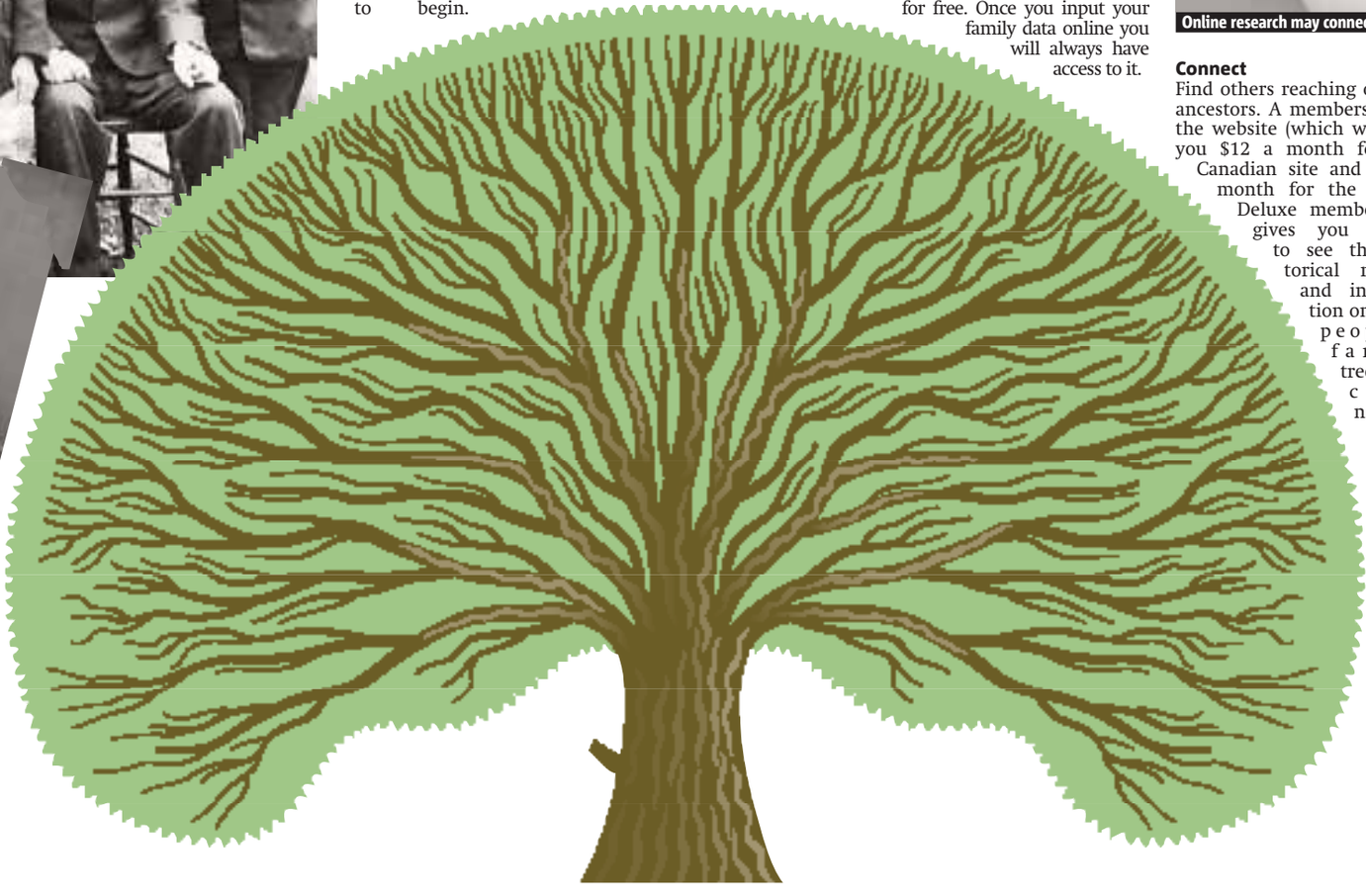
Anderson suggests five steps to get you started.

Dig

Start with what you know. Tap into your family resources and begin gathering old documents and stories about your family's past.

Build

Build a family tree on Ancestry.ca, which offers this service for free. Once you input your family data online you will always have access to it.



Online research may connect you with living members of your family. ISTOCK

Connect

Find others reaching out for ancestors. A membership to the website (which will run you $12 a month for the Canadian site and $25 a month for the World Deluxe membership) gives you access to see the historical records and information on other people's family trees, and connects you through an anonymous email system.

Search

Search Ancestry.ca's databases for your family records. This service is offered to paying members, giving them access to billions of original documents that have been digitized and indexed. This means that you can search the records database by a person's name, location or an approximate date, and all of the documents Ancestry.ca has with that person's name on it (censuses, passenger lists, birth, death and marriage certificates) will pop up at your fingertips.

Don't stop

Never stop searching. Once you've started researching your family's history, keep going. With new documents being added to the Ancestry.ca databases regularly, you will never run out of things to sift through. Aside from finding the information you know you're looking for, you could find distant relatives and information you never thought to ask.

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Father breaks down at Luka Magnotta hearing

Preliminary inquiry. Daran Lin had to leave courtroom during testimony of crime-scene technician

A Chinese father left a courtroom in tears after hearing evidence at the preliminary inquiry of Luka Magnotta, who is accused of killing and dismembering his son.

Overcome with emotion, Daran Lin left the courtroom helped by his translator and lawyer Tuesday, trembling and weeping, and he did not return.

A lawyer for the family said the grieving father of Jun Lin had been given a general idea of things he might hear at the preliminary inquiry.

But it proved to be too much for the elder Lin.

"He decided to take the afternoon off," said Daniel Urbas, a Montreal commercial-litigation lawyer who is acting pro-bono as the family's attorney.

"He's gone back to be with his wife and his daughter."

The Lin family has made the trip to Canada, at considerable cost, in order to honour their relative's memory and follow the legal proceedings.

Daran Lin has represented the family at the hearing — his wife and their daughter have not been present. His lawyer said he might manage to return to court later in the week.

"It's important for him to honour his son, to witness how our judicial system works," Urbas said.

"He's trusted our society with his son once. And he wants to see whether, and how, he can trust our society with the judicial process that's going to lead to the resolution of the criminal charges in his son's death."

The preliminary hearing for Magnotta began with testimony from police witnesses.

The Ontario native showed no emotion as the case against him was presented, quietly listening to the testimony with his arms folded. An interpreter has been stationed near him to translate French-language testimony into English.

The hearing is subject to a publication ban on the evidence being presented.

However, members of the public and media are allowed to attend.

A unique attempt by the defence to have the courtroom closed was rejected Tuesday. Quebec court Judge Lori-Renee Weitzman denied a defence motion aimed at having the public and the media barred.

The hearing will determine whether there is enough evidence to send Magnotta to trial for the murder of Jun Lin, a Chinese engineering student. At least three weeks have been set aside for the preliminary phase.

The first witness to take the stand at the preliminary hearing Tuesday was the lead investigator in the case. Michel Bourque, a Montreal police major-crimes investigator, was the primary detective in the case against Magnotta.

Later, a crime-scene technician, Caroline Simoneau, took the stand.

Lin's family thanked the media for giving them space as they attended the court hearings. Urbas said they appreciated the respect and dignity afforded them.

Urbas himself approached the family soon after the crime occurred. He said his role is simple — to provide explanations about the process and offer any assistance they need.

Urbas is a commercial lawyer by trade, but his firm often engages in pro-bono work.

"We simply put ourselves in their place: What would we want for someone in their country if we were in the same situation?" said Urbas.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Daran Lin, father of murder victim Jun Lin, leaves the courthouse in Montreal on Tuesday.
RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The charges

In addition to first-degree murder, Magnotta is charged with committing an indignity to a body; publishing obscene material; criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of Parliament; and mailing obscene and indecent material.

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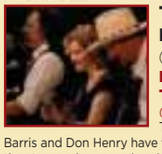

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Roots Series: THE WAYMORES
(Nashville, TN)
Tom Kimmel, Sally Barris and Don Henry have written songs for the stars and garnered praise for their solo works – yet what's most exciting about the Waymores is the magic they make onstage. The Waymores are a three-pack of Nashville's finest singer-songwriters, not in the round, but playing as a band and rolling like a river.
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HORNBY/ SIKALA/ LEMANCZYK
(Calgary/Krakow, Poland)
Fusing elements from the jazz worlds of Europe and North America, the HSL Trio has played festivals and concerts in Northern Europe including the Krakow Jazz Festival. Polish saxophonist Maciej Sikala and Polish bassist Piotr Lemanczyk join Calgary drummer Tyler Hornby for a night of spirited playing, virtuosic musicianship, and beautiful compositions.
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Curiosity. Mars could've supported (tiny) life: NASA

Drilling into a rock near its landing spot, the Curiosity rover has answered a key question about Mars: The red planet long ago harboured some of the ingredients needed for primitive life to thrive.

Topping the list is evidence of water and basic elements that teeny organisms could feed on, scientists said Tuesday.

Mars today is a hostile, frigid desert bombarded by radiation. Now scientists have their first evidence of a habitable environment outside of Earth. This was an environment where microbes "could have lived in and maybe even prospered in," chief scientist John Grotzinger said.

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Curiosity holding a scoop of powdered rock on Mars. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York City

Cop convicted of plot to eat women

A New York City police officer was convicted Tuesday of charges he plotted to kidnap and cook women to dine on their "girl meat."

The jury reached the verdict at the trial of Officer Gilberto Valle, a 28-year-old father with a fetish for talking about cannibalism.

Valle's lawyers insisted he was just fantasizing.

Prosecutors countered that Valle was taking steps to abduct his wife and at least five others. They said he searched for how to knock someone out with chloroform and showed up on the block of one woman after agreeing to kidnap her for a New Jersey man.

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Referendum

Falklands vote for British rule

Falkland Islanders are celebrating their referendum showing that 99.8 per cent want the area to remain a British Overseas Territory.

Legislative Assembly Member Gavin Short said he hopes it sends a message to Argentine President Cristina Fernandez: "We have absolutely no desire to be ruled by the government in Buenos Aires. I hope that you now might respect that." Argentina's ambassador to London, Alicia Castro, said the vote was organized by and for the British. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Study

Babies dislike different babies

A study out of the University of B.C. suggests babies may have a mean streak.

A professor found infants as young as nine months favour those who bring harm to people who are different than themselves. Kiley Hamlin, lead author of the study, says almost all of the 112 babies tested acted the same.

First, babies nine to 14 months old chose a food they preferred. They were then shown a puppet show where a puppet demonstrated the same food preference and another puppet demonstrated the opposite preference. The babies preferred the puppets who harmed the puppet with the opposite preference.

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Analyst says iPhone will take a tumble — BlackBerry-style

Smartphone market. 'When handset makers fall out of favour, they fall faster/further than expected,' observer says

It's hard to imagine the iPhone's fortunes going through the same downward trajectory that BlackBerry has endured in recent years, but one analyst says that historically, that's the way the handset market goes. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Jefferies analyst Peter Misek has likened Apple Inc.'s iPhone to the BlackBerry and Razr, devices that ascended, tumbled and are now struggling to rebound.

"Historically when handset makers fall out of favour, they fall faster/further than expected," he said in a note to investors Tuesday that evoked the comparison to Motorola, HTC and Waterloo's BlackBerry, whose new Z10 phone starts U.S. pre-orders today.

Misek sees a 25 per cent chance Apple will miss its guidance when it reports first-quarter earnings due to slowing sales in late March following Samsung Group's release of its latest Galaxy phone on Thursday.

He added that checks with suppliers show casing colour problems for the anticipated iPhone 5S will push out its launch to between July and September.

Misek, who had a $900 US price target on Apple shares in August, slashed his forecast to $420 from $500, projecting the stock will trade below its current level.

He pared his revenue forecast and his outlook for iPhone sales, predicting moderate growth and warning of further cuts to his targets if new versions of the iPhone "fail to restimulate" sales in developed markets.

The iPhone has been jockeying with the Samsung Galaxy S line for market leadership, with Apple recapturing the title in the latest quarter. But Apple shares have fallen hard since hitting their all-time high in September at $705.07 on decelerating iPhone 5 sales.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Princess to the rescue. Dad is a hacking hero

Mike Mika is being hailed as the "best dad ever" for hacking Donkey Kong so the princess can rescue Mario — all to make his three-year-old daughter happy. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB

In Mike Mika's version of Donkey Kong, it's the princess who rescues Mario. In response to a plea from his three-year-old daughter, Mika hacked the game, swapping the characters and bringing a little gender parity to the classic Nintendo title.

"She's played as Princess Toadstool in Super Mario Bros. 2 and naturally just assumed she could do the same in Donkey Kong. I told her we couldn't in that particular Mario game; she seemed really bummed out by that," he wrote in a post uploaded to Reddit on Saturday.

"So what else am I supposed to do? Now I'm up at midnight hacking the ROM, replacing Mario with Pauline."

For his efforts, Mika is being hailed as the "best dad ever" by Reddit users. It's not the first time a doting father has hacked his daughter's way to hero-dom. Last year, software developer Mike Hoye released a version of The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker that turned the game's protagonist into a young woman.

"I'm not having my daughter growing up thinking girls don't get to be the hero and rescue their little brothers," Hoye wrote in a blog post.

University of Toronto Prof. Sara Grimes says hacks like Hoye's and Mika's are a response to decades of underrepresentation of women in video games. "The reaction from the media and the gaming community has been so positive, I think, because they're answering a need for more equal gender representation in games," she said.

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE

Online security. Cyber teams to defend U.S. infrastructure

The U.S. Defense Department is establishing a series of cyber teams charged with carrying out offensive operations to combat the threat of an electronic assault on the United States that could cause major damage and disruption to the country's vital infrastructure, a senior military official said Tuesday.

Gen. Keith Alexander, the top officer at U.S. Cyber Command, warned during testimony that the potential for an attack against the nation's electric grid and other essential systems is real and more aggressive steps need to be taken by the federal government and the private sector in order to improve digital defences.

Alexander told the Senate Armed Services Committee that foreign leaders are deterred from launching cyber-attacks on the United States because they know such a strike could be traced to its source and would generate a robust response.

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Ottawa. Federal watchdog finds more cooked deals

A federal watchdog is blowing the whistle again on a series of cooked contracts at a school that teaches public servants about ethics and values.

Frank Brunetta, the procurement ombudsman, said Tuesday he found more evidence that the Canada School of Public Service rigged its contracts to make sure they went to favoured suppliers. Brunetta's inquiry was sparked by a tip he received in April last year that contracts awarded to two consultants showed clear signs of favouritism. The intensive investigation confirmed the tip, with evidence of contract splitting, unfair evaluations and dubious contract amendments.

By the numbers

$1.7M

The report examined the way contracts were awarded to six consultants, altogether worth $1.7 million, from 2008 to 2011.

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Washington. Menu-labelling law gets 'extremely thorny'

Diners in the U.S. will have to wait a little longer to find calorie counts on most restaurant chain menus, in supermarkets and on vending machines.

Writing a new menu-labelling law "has gotten extremely thorny," says the head of the Food and Drug Administration, as the agency tries to figure out who should be covered by it.

The 2010 health-care law charged the FDA with requiring chain restaurants and other establishments that serve food to put calorie counts on menus and in vending machines. The agency issued a proposed rule in 2011, but the final rules have since been delayed as some of those non-restaurant establishments have lobbied hard to be exempt.

While the restaurant industry has signed on to the idea and helped to write the new regulations, supermarkets, convenience stores and other retailers that sell prepared food say they want no part of it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bankruptcy fallout

Hostess proceeds with Twinkies sale

Hostess is moving ahead with plans to sell its Twinkies, and one of the new owners says the spongy cream-filled snacks could be back on shelves by summer. The bankrupt company has a $410-million US joint offer for its cakes, which include Ding Dongs and Ho Hos, from Metropoulos & Co. and Apollo Global Management. No other qualified bids were submitted.

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Rival to GPS

Sat-nav system sends location fix

The European Space Agency says it has received the first location fix from its own satellite navigation system. The Galileo system is seen as Europe's rival to the U.S.-built Global Positioning System. ESA says technicians at a control centre in the Dutch city of Noordwijk received a longitude, latitude and altitude reading early Tuesday from the four satellites already in orbit.

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Health benefits

Obamacare form runs 15 pages long

Applying for benefits under U.S. President Barack Obama's healthcare overhaul could be as daunting as doing your taxes. The government's draft application is now on the Internet. It runs 15 pages for a three-person family. The online version has 21 steps, some with added questions. At least three major federal agencies, including the IRS, will scrutinize the application.

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Market Minute

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CAN SOMEONE THINK OF THE ALBUM?

JUST SAYIN'

Mike Benhaim
Guest columnist filling in for Paul Sullivan

Why are musicians still recording albums? Doesn't it seem that the very notion is almost a complete anachronism? They're even doling out Grammy and Juno Awards for best album despite the ever-dwindling hardware and retail outlets that purvey it. I mean, no one has a record collection anymore, just a series of files on progressively shrinking mobile devices.

But perhaps I am speaking in the abstract, and the term has a different definition to the "net" generation.

Now, I'm an avid supporter of artists and do not condone file sharing except to uncover some rare duet between Sid Vicious and Barry Manilow, so forgive me for having recently uttered the phrase "burning a CD," but I immediately regretted it. A gentleman in his late 20s mocked me with the contempt usually reserved for someone who separates from a Kardashian. With music evolving into the metaphysical, this guy would have surgically implanted a USB port into his temporal lobe were it not for its obviously inevitable obsolescence. I am also fairly certain he was watching Shahs of Sunset through wireless contact lenses as we spoke.

Prior to that, I had not considered myself old-fashioned, but it dawned on me recently, as I waited outside the photo lab for my pictures to be developed, that it might just be my romantic sentimentality.

Gather the kids around the fire, and I will regale them with magical tales about a time (insert flashback music here) when phones were answered by humans and movies played only in theatres or on TV at very specific times. You could not pause, rewind, avoid commercials or even choose the content.

These sad children were forced to witness the repeated demise of their musical mediums like eight-tracks, cassettes, records, laser discs, mini-discs and CDs, until the music simply vanished into a virtual, intangible mist. Never again would teenagers line up for the release of their favourite artist's new project, gaze at the list of titles on the back of the album jacket before peeling away the shrink wrap, revealing two panels that might contain a story, lyrics, photos or some cheeky foreshadowing of the mystery that awaited within — the music.

This is no knock on today's teen music scene. Like our oceans, there are still treasures beneath the pollution that's been dumped by the masses, but there is something to be said for anticipation and the aforementioned ceremony that surrounds a tangible addition to your collection. But why build a discernible product if photos and lyrics can be found online and videos are all on YouTube?

I guess what I am saying is that in one generation, we've gone from hoping for some of what we want to instantly getting everything we want. It's destination without the journey, or sex without foreplay — which, as my past lovers will tell you, may still be sex, but the excitement builds too fast and ends way too soon.

Read more of Just Sayin' at metronews.ca

ZOOM

This is a real trunk-twister

GUUS QUAEDVLIEG/SOLENT

Eager elephants show some love

This trio of elephants show their love for one another as they get their trunks in a tangle. The three fully grown African elephants were spotted sharing a bonding moment as they huddled together.

Semi-professional photographer Guus Quaedvlieg captured the moment while on holiday in South Africa. METRO

Q & A

Not fighting but hugging

GUUS QUAEDVLIEG
Website designer, 58, from Voerendaal, southeastern Netherlands

Describe the moment you met these three benevolent elephants.

My wife and I were on holiday in Addo National Park in South Africa. We were driving through the conservation park when all of a sudden we found ourselves in the middle of a big herd. Two bulls were playing and then out of the blue, a third one came and started hugging the others. I pulled out my camera and shot this photo.

Hugging? Were they not fighting?

No, not at all. Normally when elephants get together they can be quite aggressive and try to establish who has authority within the group. But when they all met it was clear they knew each other, as they were really caring and loving.

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Clickbait

Who knew a dating site that pairs singles based on similar facial features would be so popular? Here are some other unique match-making sites.

pounced.org
Always wanted to date a "fox"? This site matches the furriest of friends.

diapermates.com
For adults who love to dress up as babies or think that wearing a diaper might be considered a turn on.

cupidtino.com
Are you a Mac lover looking for love? This site brings those passionate about their devices together to share their love of Apple products.

meet-an-inmate.com
Convicts post pictures and mailing info to start snail mail correspondence. One disclaimer: Their crimes aren't listed.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: If you were elected pope, what would be the first words you say to the crowd at St. Peter's Square?

@Hfxgrows: Hey, get off my driveway!

@MainStPoodle: All pets go to heaven. Expect cats, who are pure evil.

@GilfoyB73: I've done all the necessary book learn-ins and it sure doesn't take rocket appliances to be the Pope Its more like denial &error coming up short. #whatajoke

@danahlstrand: do these red shoes make me look fat?

@GoTireHRM: humour is a great thing, what about.."let us all pray for the Toronto Maple Leafs and their quest for a playoff start"...

@KP89: close your eyes and tap your heels together three times . And think to yourself, there's no place like Rome.

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Abracadabra — you may have seen this trick before

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. Star studded cast still manages to pull a rabbit out of their hat

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This weekend a cast of Hollywood A-listers are going to try and do something magical. Literally.

In The Incredible Burt Wonderstone, Steve Carell and Steve Buscemi play down-and-out Las Vegas magicians, up-staged by hotshot Steve Gray (Jim Carrey). Adding more star power is Alan Arkin as a retired magician who still has a card or two up his sleeve.

With an advertising tagline like Abracatastic! you can expect lots of illusions, but Burt Wonderstone isn't the first movie magician to pull a rabbit out of his hat on screen.

In Death Defying Acts Guy Pearce plays the best-known magician of all time — Harry Houdini. Set in 1926, 13 years after his mother's death, the movie introduces him to a Scottish psychic and her daughter, played by Catherine Zeta-Jones and Saoirse Ronan, who try and con him into believing they can contact Mrs. Houdini from beyond the grave.

Houdini has been played by everyone from author Norman Mailer and Harvey Keitel to Tony Curtis and Emile Hirsch, but it's also possible to catch a glimpse of the real deal. The prestidigitator began filming his magic act as early as 1906 and went on to star in a series of films with titles like The Master Mystery and Terror Island, all of which are available on the DVD set Houdini: The Movie Star.

Taking their lead from Houdini, Penn and Teller starred in Penn & Teller Get Killed, a 1989 black comedy featuring a classic sequence of Teller catching pigeons in the park with his bare hands.

Audiences could pick one of two magic movies from the deck in 2006.

First, The Prestige saw Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman abracadabra their way through this Christopher Nolan-directed film about tragic results of a rivalry between two 19th century stage magicians. Fans of the movie will notice the main characters' initials spell ABRA — Alfred Borden Robert Angier — short for Abracadabra!

Released the same year, The Illusionist starred Edward Norton as a magician who uses his magical skills to win the love of Duchess Sophie (Jessica Biel). Norton's character is loosely based on Erik Jan Hanussen, a magician and clairvoyant who was killed by Nazis in 1933 after a long and successful sage career.

The Mad Magician isn't notable just because it starred Vincent Price as the murderous Gallico the Great. It's best remembered as the first movie to be shown in 3D on television.

Steve Carell, left, stars alongside Olivia Wilde in The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Caine, left, and Hugh Jackman star in The Prestige, which was part of a magician movie revival in 2006. HANDOUT

Harry Houdini.
HANDOUT

What's in a name for Don Jon?

Joseph Gordon-Levitt had his directorial debut at SXSW with Don Jon.
JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First, he agreed to cut some of the graphic sex scenes. Now, Joseph Gordon-Levitt is trimming the title of his directorial debut.

His racy comedy, originally called Don Jon's Addiction, has been streamlined to just Don Jon.

Outside its screening at the South by Southwest film festival Monday night, Gordon-Levitt said he altered the name because some people mistakenly believed the film is about sex or porn addiction.

"I called it Don Jon's Addiction because there's this central symbol in the movie of this rut and this habit that Jon is in," said Gordon-Levitt, who also stars in the film. "It's about a guy getting out of this rut, learning to be present and have more engaged and realistic relationships."

It's the story of a modern-day Don Juan, a New Jersey lady's man who prefers porn to actual sex — even though he's having no shortage of the real thing.

Quoted

"It's about a guy getting out of this rut, learning to be present and have more engaged and realistic relationships."

Joseph Gordon-Levitt
Talking about his new film, Don Jon

Gordon-Levitt first announced the title change via Facebook, posting that the comedy is actually about "how men and women treat each other and how the media we consume can create unrealistic expectations that we put on one another."

Still, Gordon-Levitt, who previously starred in Inception, 50/50 and (500) Days of Summer, had already said he was going to remove some of the sex in Don Jon to ensure it maintained an R rating.

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METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lady Gaga ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Is Lady Gaga ready to become Mrs. Gaga?

Is Lady Gaga ready to settle down with Chicago Fire star Taylor Kinney?

"From all I've heard, I don't think I'm dropping a secret by saying they are ready to get hitched this year," DJ Lady Starlight, a close friend of Gaga's, tells the Sun, adding that both Gaga and Kinney have free time in their schedules in July. "She told me he's the one and you know that instantly when you see them together," the DJ says. But a rep for the singer insists to E! News that the reports of impending wedding bells are definitely not true.

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The Word

Lil Jon might DJ your next Zumba class

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When Lil Jon told us he was gonna move "till the sweat drips down" to a specific place near his own Lil Jon, as it were, we had no idea he was talking about getting low in a Zumba class.

But apparently the rapper is a big fan of the fitness craze (or just really, really short on cash) and has signed on to DJ Zumba classes across the country as part of a new Zumba Nightclub Series.

Lil Jon will spin on the turntables while celebrity instructor Gina Grant leads a workout. Oh, and don't expect to hear Lil Jon's new single, Work, on the radio anytime soon — it was created especially for Zumba and will be the official theme song for the nightclub series tour, complete with dance moves.

As Metro's resident fitness test dummy, I admit that this class does sound tantalizing.

But I will only partake under the following conditions: 1. I get to rehydrate with crunk juice instead of water, and 2. All participants get to shout "OH-KAY!" and "YAY-UH" whenever they please.

Justin Bieber

Bieber enjoys momentary break from the spotlight in Dutch coffee shop

Justin Bieber took a much-needed breather in Amsterdam between his tumultuous stay in London and his tour stop in Portugal, and apparently hitting up the Dutch city made the pop star a bit peckish.

Bieber and his security detail were spotted patronizing a coffee shop and a chip shop called Chipsy King.

"Justin seemed to be amused or comforted by the fact that the employee didn't know him at first and wasn't jumping all over him and treated him like a regular customer," a rep for the chip shop tells E! News.

"The employee thought he had beautiful eyes and he knew he recognized him from somewhere, but he didn't know until a Dutch film crew told him that was Justin Bieber."

Twitter

@themichaelcaine
Thank You for your kind Birthday messages. Will blow the candles off

@ricky_martin
Of all the "Trending News" out there, the one that I really care and I'm concerned about is North Korea.

@billmaher
Papal conclave has begun! So exciting, like the Oscars all over again- we all want to know:Who will win, and who's dress will he be wearing?

@kelly_clarkson
I just found out I'm allergic to Golden Rod .....c'mon that has to be fake haha. It's sounds like an adult movie, not a weed!

The final frontier of travel

Chris Hadfield snapped this photo of the Canadarm2 and Dragon Supply Ship high above Earth. AFP/NASA/CHRIS HADFIELD

Interview. Metro sent some questions into orbit with astronaut Chris Hadfield at the International Space Station

ON THE MOVE
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Are civilians ready for space? Should a trip there be on everyone's bucket list?
With some of the technology that's being developed, you can launch off the ground, go up high enough so you just get to the legal definition of space, about a 100 kilometres up or so. And then come back down again. Pretty amazing voyage. Are civilians ready for space? Well I'm a civilian. Most of the people that fly in space are civilians. I think the real question is, are untrained passengers ready for spaceflight, and should it be on everyone's bucket list? Well of course! It's just such a cool thing. Number one to be weightless, to be able to just tumble, even only for a few minutes to be able to do that is a completely rare experience. But to be able to see the world from this altitude, to be able to look down and see the curvature of the earth, and the thin atmosphere and the beauty of it and the colours of it.

If you were writing a TripAdvisor review of the International Space Station what would it say?
So if I was writing a TripAdvisor for the Space Station, what would I say? Unique destination. Travel there is difficult but worth the ride. Accommodation and food are spartan, functional but healthy and overall acceptable. Recreational activities are limited. But the view out the window is out of this world.

Which places have intrigued you enough to want to visit once you return to Earth — and why?
Deserts are some of the most beautiful things you see because the colours are so widespread and the sand and the rock forms into such — they're natural shapes, but they look so artistic and beautiful. And up here, we're removed so we just see the artistry but I'd like to go and actually feel what that's like. To compare the super high altitude, very calm and overpoweringly visual aspect of it with the visceral, five sense reality of what those places are like, I'd like to go and experience that so I can compare the two and try to match them together in my head.

Hadfield conducts an interview from space. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sub-Saharan Africa as seen from outer space. AFP/NASA/CHRIS HADFIELD

Just 40 minutes south of Cancun, the city of Playa del Carmen (population 150,000) sits near the middle of the Mayan Riviera, opposite the island of Cozumel. Calm, cool and collected, the vibe is assuredly unhurried

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Fall in love with the Playa

If you go...

- **Where to stay.** The Mayan Riviera is also becoming a fast favourite with those seeking a smaller, boutique-hotel experience. There's a growing luxury travel market as well, if you're the type that requires a staff or a yacht — or both. But if you're vacationing with another couple, a small group or your family, renting a condo is a perfect way to get some privacy.
- **How to get there.** Make sure you do the math. It might be worth it to just book a flight and choose accommodation separately, rather than go the all-inclusive route.

A visit to Tulum is a must while visiting Playa del Carmen. ALL PHOTOS: PAUL MCCROSSIN

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The main drag

Avenida Quinta (Fifth Avenue) is the main pedestrian strip, where you can get your shop on any time of the day or night. Hundreds of restaurants, bars and stores line this little main drag, catering to the daily influx of tourists popping off cruiseships for a poke around town. They dock near the south end of Fifth Avenue, making it more touristy. Stick to the north end for some peace and quiet, plus a better quality of shopping and dining.

Sweet success

Business in this tiny town in general is booming — but not in a way that makes the bustle too much to bear. Though city planners are trying to maintain Playa's community charm, you should pay a visit before the Hard Rock Café and Ruth's Chris move in. With more development on the horizon, the whole area is gearing up for even more of an influx of cash. High-end luxury retailers are already setting up shop, including Louis Vuitton, Hugo Boss and Christian Dior. Stores such as H&M, West Elm and Design Within Reach are said to be waiting in the wings.

Day tripping

While sitting in a chair staring at the surf has its benefits, block off a day to rent a car for a drive to Tulum, and a visit to both the 13th-century ruins and the surrounding beaches. The only Mayan city built on a coastline, the Tulum pre-hispanic ruins are ringed by a limestone wall seven metres thick, with the prominent castle sitting at the top of the limestone bluffs. This is a very popular tourist site, so try to get there as close to opening time as possible (8 a.m.) to avoid the throngs and take advantage of the best sunlight of the day for your photos.

No trip to Mexico would be complete without some lounge time on a beach.

Scuba & snorkel

It was scuba diving that helped put Playa del Carmen on the map. It was just a sleepy little fishing town until a ferry service began from there to the island of Cozumel, one of the best places to dive in the world. The Great Mesoamerican Reef, which stretches 725 kilometres from Cancun south to the Bay Islands of Honduras, is the world's second largest reef. It marks the spot for surveying 150 varieties of reef fish and 100 species of coral. Freshwater sinkholes, called cenotes, make for a fun afternoon of crystal-clear diving or snorkelling in and around caves where the visibility can reach up to 125 metres year-round.

Sian Ka'an biosphere reserve

At 1.3 million acres, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest protected area in the Mexican Caribbean and includes the 23 archeological sites of the Maya civilization. Promoting ecosystem conservation and the sustainability of natural resources, the Centro Ecológico champions low-impact tourist activities, while educating visitors about the region at the same time. Pastimes include flyfishing, kayaking, "ponga" boat tours and more, and you can even stay at the centre in deluxe, eco-friendly cabins.

Spend some summer time at Windermere

Lake loving. Nestled in the Rockies is a shallow, warm lake that's perfect for water sports

Winter, spring, summer or fall there's one main attraction that keeps visitors coming back to the B.C. resort town of Invermere.

It's Lake Windermere.

Nestled in the scenic Columbia Valley with the Rocky Mountains to the east and the Purcell Mountains to the west, Lake Windermere is actually a very large widening in the Columbia River.

It's one of the largest and warmest lakes in the region and has an average depth of only four-and-a-half metres.

"The lake is pretty much the focus," said Heidi Korven, a travel media specialist with Tourism B.C.

"In winter they have the 'White Way' on the lake. It's a 16-kilometre stretch where they clear it for ice skating as well as (put) tracks on it for cross-country skiing on the lake, so that's kind of cool. They also have pond hockey and a curling bonspiel," she said.

"It's a very cool thing you can do — very Canadiana because you're right in the valley there with the Rockies on one side and the Purcells on the other on this beautiful lake in the winter.

"In the summer the main draw is again the lake because they've got great beaches and it's a really good lake for jet skiing."

The town of 4,000 is about a three-hour drive (277 kilometres) west of Calgary and is a half hour away from ski resorts at Panorama Mountain Village to the west and the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort ski area to the south.

There are the Radium and Fairmont hot springs year round and in the summer the Columbia Valley Golf Trail features nine golf courses within minutes of Invermere — including the Radium Resort Course, Eagle Ranch, Copper Point and Greywolf.

"The town is really hopping in the summer," said Korven.

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- **Take a tour of the Columbia River wetlands.** wetlandsadventures.com
- **Information on activities.** hellobc.com/invermere.aspx
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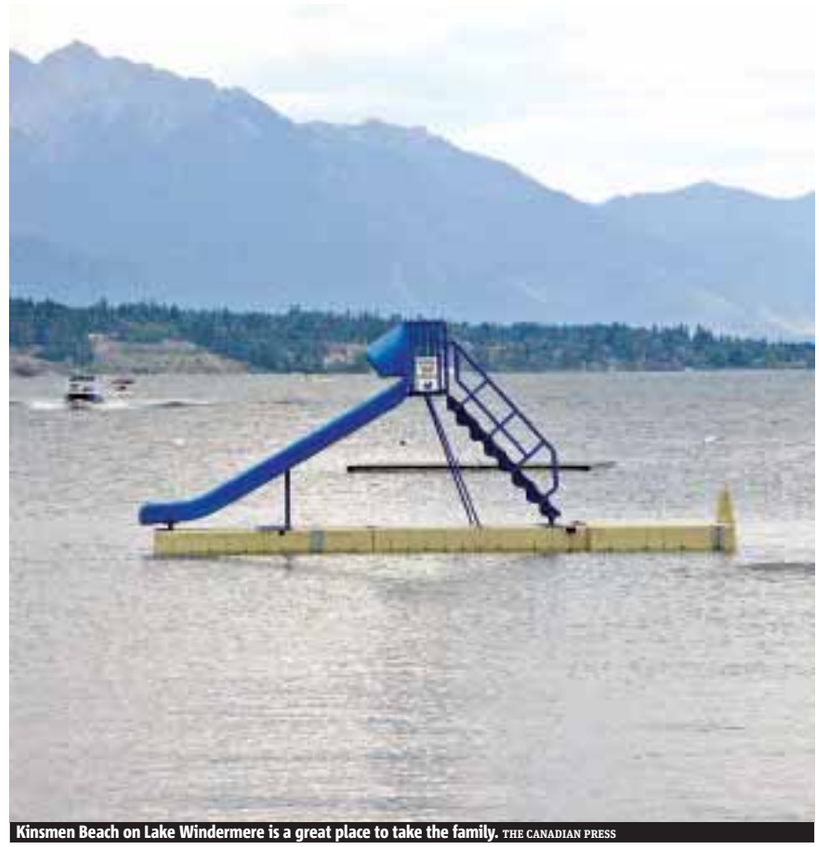

Kinsmen Beach on Lake Windermere is a great place to take the family. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bake like the Irish with Soda Bread

This classic Irish quick bread — no rising time needed — lends itself to numerous creative variations. Traditional recipes often call for nothing but flour, salt, baking soda and buttermilk or yogurt.

Currants are a common addition, but that's just the start. Any number of seeds, nuts, chopped dried fruit and even chocolate can be added.

For this take on Soda Bread, start with a rich take on the classic recipe, studding it with currants and caraway seeds. Then swap those out to make an oatmeal-rye version with walnuts and fresh thyme and chives. And for a sweet finish, create a chocolate variation, adding a generous half a cup of cocoa powder, dried cherries and dark chocolate.

Soda Bread

1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a loaf pan or a 9-by-9-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, salt, baking soda and caraway seeds. While stirring, mix in the melted butter until small lumps form and the butter has been evenly distributed. Gently stir in the currants.

3. In a small bowl, whisk together the egg and buttermilk. All at once, pour the egg-buttermilk mixture into the flour mixture. Stir gently but thoroughly, just until the flour mixture is moistened. Do not over-mix the dough or the bread will be tough.

4. Scoop the dough into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until a wooden skewer or cake tester inserted at the centre comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan for 5 to 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack. Serve warm with butter or jam.

Oatmeal-Rye Soda Bread with Herbs and Walnuts

1. Follow the recipe above, but instead of white pastry flour substitute 2 1/2 cups whole-wheat pastry flour, 1 cup oatmeal and 1 cup rye flour. Omit the caraway seeds. In place of the currants, stir in 3 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme, 3 tablespoons chopped fresh chives and 1 cup chopped toasted walnuts. Bake as directed.

Double Chocolate Cherry Soda Bread

1. Follow the main recipe, but sift 1/2 cup cocoa powder into the dry ingredients in the first step. Also, increase the sugar to 2/3 cup and omit the caraway seeds. In place of the currants, stir in 1 cup chopped dried cherries and 1 cup chopped dark chocolate. Bake as directed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 4 cups white pastry flour
- 3 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- 6 tbsp (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 3/4 cup dried currants, plumped in hot water
- 1 egg
- 1 2/3 cups buttermilk or plain regular yogurt (not Greek style)

Soda Bread

Each recipe serves about 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Irish Coffee

- Boiling water
- Hot coffee
- 2 sugar cubes
- 1 1/2 oz Irish whiskey
- 1/4 cup whipping cream, lightly beaten (but still pourable)

Fill large coffee cup with boiling water to preheat. Let stand 1 minute then empty glass. Fill glass three-quarters full with hot coffee. Add sugar, stir until dissolved. Stir in whiskey. Top coffee-whiskey blend with the lightly whipped cream. To do this, hold overturned spoon over coffee, then slowly pour the cream over it. Goal is for cream to float on top of coffee. Do not mix.

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Seeing beyond green beer

Each of these drinks makes one serving. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There really are so many other ways to celebrate St. Patty's Day than with green beer, not to mention far more appealing methods of sipping a green beverage. To prove the point, here are three alternatives to green beer.

Herbal Remedy

This bracing cocktail is also delicious cut with seltzer and served as a spritzer. Or add ice to the blender and turn it into a frozen Irish margarita.

1. In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend until smooth. Pour into a cocktail glass with a couple of ice cubes.

Emerald Mary

1. In blender, combine tomatillos, lime zest and juice, cilantro, avocado, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish, vodka and water. Blend until smooth. Pour into a tall glass with ice, then garnish with celery and cilantro.

Irish Grasshopper

1. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, shake together the Bailey's, creme de menthe, creme de cacao and milk. Moisten the rim of a double old fashioned glass with the cocktail mixture, then dip the rim in the chopped candies to coat the rim. Strain the drink into the glass. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

Herbal Remedy
- Juice of each 1 lemon, 1 orange, 1 lime
- 1 tbsp finely minced ginger
- 2 tsp honey
- 2 sprigs fresh mint, leaves only
- 2 large basil leaves
- 1 1/2 ounces Irish whiskey

Emerald Mary
- 3 tomatillos, husked and roughly chopped
- Zest and juice of 2 limes
- 2 sprigs cilantro, plus more to garnish
- 1/2 very ripe avocado
- 1 tsp each Worcestershire sauce and horseradish
- 2 oz vodka
- 1/4 cup water
- Salt and black pepper
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 1 stalk celery, to serve

Irish Grasshopper
- 1 oz each Bailey's Irish Cream liqueur, green creme de men the liqueur, clear creme de cacao liqueur
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- Finely chopped Andes chocolate mint candies

Snack. Caramelized Onion and Guinness Dip

Guinness isn't just for drinking. Try it in this savoury dip.

1. In a large skillet over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and caramelized, about 20 minutes. If the onions begin to char before they caramelize, add a tablespoon or 2 of water. Set the onions aside and allow to cool.

2. Once the onions have cooled, in a food processor combine them, the Guinness, salt, pepper, cayenne and cheddar. Pulse until combined and smooth. Serve with crackers, chips or bread. Also makes a great spread for a roast beef sandwich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 large sweet onions, diced
- 1 cup cold Guinness
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp cayenne
- 1 lb extra-sharp cheddar cheese (preferably Irish), cubed
- Crackers, chips or bread, to serve

Seek before you settle.
What are the perks of a pre-apprenticeship?

Take a hands-on approach to figuring out your future. ISTOCK

If you're considering a career in the skilled trades but aren't quite ready to dive headfirst into an apprenticeship, consider trying a pre-apprenticeship program first.

These programs are a great way to expose yourself to the trade, gain work experience and earn some basic certifications before committing to being a full-on apprentice.

Benefits of a pre-apprenticeship

- Develop your skills and knowledge of the trade
- Prepare yourself for employment
- Explore a potential trade you aren't sure about but have an interest in
- Upgrade your academics — some programs focus on a specific knowledge area and offer further courses to build up your knowledge before entering a full-time placement

How to get involved

First and foremost, contact your local apprenticeship office to find out which pre-apprenticeship programs are offered in your area. Information will differ depending on what province you're situated in.

The following are examples of different types of programs offered in Canada:

Employment Ontario

Ontario's Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program offers programs up to 52 weeks in duration which consist of both in-class training sessions and a work placement.

Trade Secrets Registered Apprenticeship Program (Alberta)

The Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) is a way for high school students to get apprenticeship experience while simultaneously earning credits toward their high school diploma. Can't afford it? There are scholarships of up to $1000 available to students participating in RAP.

Pre-Apprenticeship/Pre-Employment (Manitoba)

Prospective apprentices may prepare for apprenticeship training by enrolling in an accredited trade program offered at various Manitoba colleges, training centres and high schools.

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Next step

What comes after a pre-apprenticeship?

- Completing a pre-apprenticeship program puts you at a big advantage in terms of landing a long-term apprenticeship with an employer.
- Knowing you have the hands-on experience, safety training and necessary skill-sets already in place will make your resumé that much stronger (and will make you that much more employable).

Earn while you learn as an apprentice

Contact your regional apprenticeship office if you're interested in enrolling in an apprenticeship program in Canada. ISTOCK

Won't you be my mentor? How to pin down a program that suits your success plan

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Apprenticeships provide workers with the knowledge and technical skill they need to know work in the trades.

They also allow individuals an opportunity to find a career they love, get certified and get paid in the process.

If want to be an apprentice in Canada, it's your responsibility to find an employer who's willing to hire, supervise and mentor you.

Sounds easy, right? According to a 2010 Canadian Apprenticeship Forum report, finding a supportive employer who's willing to sponsor you is often the hardest part of the process.

Darrin Carron, dean and principal at Durham College's School of Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship and Renewable Technology located east of Toronto in Oshawa and Whitby, offers tips on how to find an employer-sponsor.

Get training in high school

Youth apprenticeships are a great way for high school students to explore the trades, connect with an employer and earn hours toward your apprenticeship while working toward a secondary school diploma.

These programs have different names and eligibility requirements depending on where you live because they're administered by the provinces/territories.

To be eligible in Ontario, for example, you must at least 16 years old and a full-time Grade 11 high school student.

Dial-a-job

"Flip through your old dusty phone book and call local businesses in your area to search for apprenticeship opportunities."

Darrin Carron
Dean and principal at Durham College's School of Skilled Trades

Work as a general labourer

Getting a job as a labourer shows an employer that you're willing to learn and work. It can help you meet people in the industry and increase the size of your network.

You can contact them again when it's time to find an employer-sponsor for an apprenticeship.

Cold call local businesses

Flip through your old dusty phone book and call local businesses in your area to search for apprenticeship opportunities. A career counsellor can help you structure and practise your script. Having a plan to wow the employer can help you get an interview.

Build your network

Who you know matters and knowing someone in the trade is the best way to find a sponsor. Ask your parents, family, teachers, friends and acquaintances if they know anyone in your trade.

Search for company owners on LinkedIn. This will help you build relationships and learn about unadvertised opportunities.

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Keep your eyes on the prize as you set out to succeed as an electrician. ISTOCK

Shining a light on how to ace the electrician exam

Socket to me. Prepping for this test will take patience and positive thinking

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Construction and maintenance electrician is one of 55 trades in Canada that requires tradespeople to become a licensed journeyperson by your province or territory.

After completing an apprenticeship, you are required to pass the inter-provincial exam called the Certificate of Qualification.

Earning at least 70 per cent on the C of Q exam (a passing grade) is one of the biggest challenges for many aspiring electricians.

Leo Bitonte, a journeyman electrician who challenged and passed the C of Q last year, and Sam Mallak from Electricalexam.ca, a company that offers pre-exam tutoring in Canada, provide insight into common challenges and solutions that will help you study effectively, pass the C of Q and earn your license.

How you're approaching the exam

You're taking shortcuts
Don't rely on your friends to tell you about the questions on their exam (they're constantly changing) and don't buy outdated books because you think you're saving money. Learn the content you're required to know because employers are looking to hire licensed electricians who are knowledgeable, Mallak says.

"There's too much to know"
It's true, there's a lot of content to study and learn. So don't cram, Bitonte says. Enroll in a pre-exam course that teaches you the ins and outs of the C of Q.

Don't overdo it

Aiming for perfection?

- While it's nice to score as close to 100 per cent as possible, all you need is 70 per cent to pass. Whether you score a 71 or 99, it doesn't matter and it's not necessarily reflective of how you will perform as an electrician
- But scoring 69 per cent does — anything below a 70 is a failing score.

How you're practising:

The wording of these questions is confusing
The more you practise writing tests, the more familiar you'll become with how questions are written and structured.

Some questions cover things I've never done before
Be conscious of the exam throughout trade school and take every lesson seriously — even if you think it's not relevant for your apprenticeship.

There's not enough time
You get three hours to complete the exam. When you're completing practice exams, imitate the testing environment and time yourself.

When you're writing the exam Bitonte suggests answering all the questions you know first and skipping the ones you don't. Remember, all you need to pass is 70 per cent so if you don't know the answer, guess. But monitor how much time you spend on each question.

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Mending machines

Big business. Your questions about heavy duty equipment technicians answered

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The term "quick fix" does not apply to this career path. ISTOCK

Heavy duty equipment technicians diagnose, repair and maintain a variety of heavy duty vehicles, including bulldozers, cranes, graders, tractors, paving equipment, off-road haulers and earth movers.

They interpret work orders, keep equipment cleaned, test repaired equipment to ensure safety regulations are met and write service reports.

Technicians often use electronic and computerized testing devices to identify problems and problem solving skills to recommend solutions.

Resumé requirements

What skills are needed?

- Mechanical and mathematical aptitude
- Interest in machines
- Good senses (e.g., smell, touch, etc.) to diagnose problems
- Problem-solving skills
- Detail-oriented

What are common job titles?

Heavy duty equipment technicians are also commonly known as:

- Heavy duty equipment mechanics
- Construction equipment mechanics
- Farm equipment mechanics
- Heavy equipment mechanic
- Heavy mobile logging equipment mechanic
- Heavy mobile mining equipment mechanic
- Tractor mechanic

What are the working conditions like?

Some heavy duty equipment technicians work in labs or service centres, while others work on construction or industrial sites, such as oil and gas operations or at mines.

Mobility, working hours and environmental conditions will vary depending on your position, employer and which part of the country you're working in. However, maintaining a safe workplace will be a top priority no matter where you work or which company you work for.

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Arrested

AHL player charged with trespassing

A Canadian hockey player ended up in a San Antonio jail this week after allegedly breaking into a home while "heavily intoxicated" and making himself comfortable.

Hamilton's Scott Timmins, a forward with the AHL's San Antonio Rampage, was arrested Monday morning and charged with criminal trespassing.

San Antonio police say a 43-year-old woman awoke in her home to find Timmins sitting on her couch. The police report said Timmins, 23, was heavily intoxicated, smelled of alcohol and was unable to maintain his balance.

Police say the woman asked, "Who are you?" and Timmins allegedly replied, "Who are you?"

Police say they found Timmins lying on the couch and when they woke him, he looked at the officers with a blank stare.

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Minor hockey

Parents to be given etiquette lesson

Hockey New Brunswick says it plans to introduce a mandatory online course in September for the parents of players ages four to eight.

General manager Brian Whitehead said Tuesday that there have been enough instances of misbehaviour that "we feel we need to educate our parents and give them an opportunity to see what Hockey New Brunswick expects from parents when they are in the arena."

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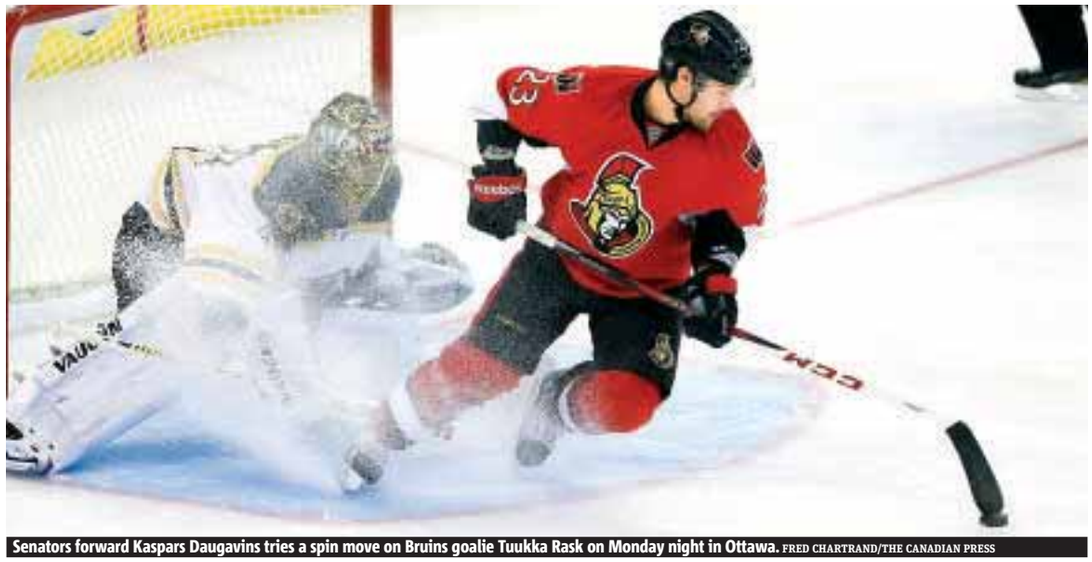

Senators forward Kaspars Daugavins tries a spin move on Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask on Monday night in Ottawa. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Daugavins' flashy move creates a stir

Hot Daug. Sens support sophomore's creativity after failed 360-toe-drag attempt in shootout

Kaspars Daugavins rarely makes headlines for the Ottawa Senators, but his shootout attempt against the Boston Bruins on Monday night had everyone talking.

The Senators forward surprised a sold-out Scotiabank Place crowd as he carried the puck straight toward Boston goalie Tuukka Rask by pinning it with the toe of his stick, then trying a 360 spin move before failing to jam the puck between the post and Rask's skate.

The Bruins went on to win 3-2.

At Tuesday's practice, and on social media, Daugavins' move was the topic of the day.

"I thought it was awesome," Ottawa defenceman Marc Methot said. "It's exciting for the fans, and as a player and a fan of the game, I enjoyed it. It's as good a shot attempt that misses."

Daugavins admitted he was a bit worried that coach Paul MacLean might be a little angry with him for trying something so different, but MacLean had no problem with the play.

"I had no issue with it at all," MacLean said. "I thought it was pretty creative. The crowd seemed like they enjoyed it. It didn't go in, but imagine if it had gone in the net. If it caused this much of a stir by not scoring, imagine if it had gone in the net."

Daugavins has actually pulled the move off in the past in the AHL with Binghamton, and he figured he would give it another try.

"For me, I tried that move like eight times and it worked every time, so I thought it might work in a game again," Daugavins said. "Obviously there's going to be somebody who doesn't like it or says I shouldn't have done it."

Senators goalie Ben Bishop admitted a number of players had been encouraging Daugavins to try the move and were glad to see him finally give it a shot.

"It takes a lot of courage to go out there and do it," Bishop said. "It's unfortunate that he didn't score, but it's not like it was just going out there and having fun. He's practised that quite a bit and he's good at it and he's effective."

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Grapes weighs in

Even popular hockey personality Don Cherry joined the conversation, and was surprisingly supportive.

- "People are putting down Kaspars Daugavins for putting the blade of his stick upside down on the puck in the shootout last night," Cherry tweeted. "I don't blame the kid at all. Lets face it the shootout is a gimmick anyway. Fans loved it and besides it worked for him in the AHL."

Luongo lifts Canucks to shootout win

Ryan Johansen is stopped by Roberto Luongo during a shootout on Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. The Canucks won 2-1. MIKE MUNDEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mason Raymond scored the only goal in the shootout, and seldom-used Roberto Luongo stopped 26 shots through overtime to lead the Vancouver Canucks past the Columbus Blue Jackets 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Luongo, playing in his second game in 16 days, stopped all three Blue Jackets in the shootout.

Raymond, shooting second for Vancouver, scored when he came to a quick stop, got goalie Sergei Bobrovsky on the ice, and then easily tapped a backhander into the net.

Jason Garrison had the lone goal before overtime for the Canucks, who had lost four straight (0-2-2).

Mark Letestu scored the only regulation goal for Columbus, but the Blue Jackets matched a franchise record by earning a point in an eighth consecutive game (5-0-3).

Their five-game winning streak ended, one short of tying the franchise mark.

Raymond was 0-for-1 on shootout attempts this season before his game-winner.

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On Tuesday

Canucks	Blue Jackets
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4 SPORTS

Middleweight Nate "The Great" Marquardt poses in this 2009 file photo. Marquardt needed crutches after his last foray into the cage, but the former Strikeforce champion and UFC veteran didn't hesitate when he was asked on short notice to fight at UFC 158 in Montreal. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marquardt steps up on short notice to fight at UFC 158

UFC. Domino effect starting with injured Canadian leaves slot open for welterweight

Nate "The Great" Marquardt needed crutches after his last foray into the cage.

But the former Strikeforce welterweight champion didn't hesitate when he was asked to fight at UFC 158 on short notice.

His bout on Saturday night against Jake "The Juggernaut" Ellenberger at Montreal's Bell Centre marks his return to the UFC after two fights in Strikeforce.

"I'm super-excited," said Marquardt (35-11-2), who suffered some nasty leg damage in January in a loss to Tarec Saffiedine. "I feel like this fight is a good chance to kind of erase my last fight. It's a great fight for me to come back on.

"He's a very tough guy and he's a great fighter. He's world-class. And those are the guys I do my best against."

It's also a welcome return to Montreal for Marquardt, a longtime training partner of UFC champion Georges St-Pierre — who faces Nick Diaz in Saturday's main event.

An injury to Montreal's Rory "Ares" MacDonald caused a domino effect in the UFC 158 welterweight fights.

Jonny Hendricks stepped in for MacDonald to meet Carlos "The Natural Born Killer" Condit. That left Ellenberger (28-6), who had been due to meet Hendricks, without an opponent.

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UFC 161

Two more Canadians have been added to the UFC 161 card in Winnipeg on June 15.

- Lightweight Mitch "Danger Zone" Clarke of Saskatoon (9-2) will battle England's John "The One" Maguire (18-5).
- Light-heavyweight Ryan "Big Deal" Jimmo of Edmonton by way of Saint John, N.B., will face Croatian Igor Pokrajac.
- Other bouts include light-heavyweights Mauricio "Shogun" Rua against Antonio Rogerio Nogueira and Rashad Evans versus Dan Henderson.

NBA

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	48	14	.774	—
New York	38	23	.623	9½
Indiana	39	24	.619	9½
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	11½
Chicago	35	28	.556	13½
Boston	34	29	.540	14½
Atlanta	34	29	.540	14½
Milwaukee	32	29	.525	15½
Toronto	**25**	**39**	**.391**	**24**
Philadelphia	24	39	.381	24½
Detroit	23	43	.348	27
Cleveland	22	42	.344	27
Washington	20	42	.323	28
Orlando	18	47	.277	31½
Charlotte	14	50	.219	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	16	.754	—
Oklahoma City	47	17	.734	1½
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	4
Memphis	42	19	.689	5
Denver	43	22	.662	6
Golden State	36	29	.554	13
Houston	34	30	.531	14½
L.A. Lakers	34	31	.523	15
Utah	33	31	.516	15½
Dallas	29	33	.468	18½
Portland	29	33	.468	18½
Minnesota	22	39	.361	25
Phoenix	22	42	.344	26½
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Lakers 106 Orlando 97
Cleveland 95 Washington 90
Charlotte 100 Boston 74
Brooklyn 108 New Orleans 98
Miami 98 Atlanta 81
Minnesota 107 San Antonio 83
Dallas at Milwaukee
San Antonio at Minnesota
Memphis at Portland

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New York at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	27	19	8	0	100	78	38
New Jersey	26	12	9	5	65	75	29
NY Rangers	25	13	10	2	64	61	28
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25
Philadelphia	27	12	14	1	75	82	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	26	17	5	4	84	66	38
Boston	24	17	4	3	72	53	37
Toronto	26	15	10	1	79	70	31
Ottawa	26	13	8	5	61	54	31
Buffalo	27	10	14	3	70	84	23

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	25	15	9	1	79	69	31
Winnipeg	25	12	11	2	63	74	26
Tampa Bay	26	11	14	1	88	81	23
Washington	25	10	14	1	69	76	21
Florida	27	7	14	6	66	101	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
St. Louis	25	13	10	2	76	77	28
Nashville	25	10	9	6	54	61	26
Columbus	27	10	12	5	62	74	25

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	25	12	7	6	68	68	30
Minnesota	24	13	9	2	58	59	28
Colorado	24	10	10	4	62	69	24
Edmonton	25	9	11	5	60	76	23
Calgary	24	9	11	4	64	82	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	24	18	3	3	85	62	39
Los Angeles	24	14	8	2	71	60	30
San Jose	24	11	7	6	56	57	28
Phoenix	25	12	10	3	72	72	27
Dallas	24	12	10	2	67	67	26

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 3 NY Rangers 1
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Carolina 4 Washington 0
Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2
Tampa Bay 3 Florida 2
Toronto at Winnipeg
San Jose at St. Louis
Anaheim at Minnesota
Nashville at Dallas
Edmonton at Colorado
Los Angeles at Phoenix

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 3 Ottawa 2 (SO)
Los Angeles 3 Calgary 1

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Phg	12	33	45
Stamkos, TBL	19	18	37
Kunitz, Phg	17	19	36
St-Louis, TBL	6	27	33
Getzlaf, Ana	10	21	31
Kane, Chi	14	16	30
E. Staal, Car	12	18	30
Tavares, NYI	16	13	29
Vanek, Buf	13	16	29
Voracek, Phi	12	17	29
Neal, Phg	17	11	28
Ribeiro, Wash	9	19	28
Moulson, NYI	11	16	27
Zetterberg, Det	6	21	27
Duchene, Col	11	15	26
Semin, Car	7	19	26
Letang, Phg	3	23	26
Kadri, Tor	11	14	25
Parenteau, Col	10	15	25
Elias, NJ	8	17	25
Datsyuk, Det	8	17	25
Giroux, Phi	8	17	25
Ladd, Win	13	11	24
Perry, Ana	9	15	24
H. Sedin, Van	6	18	24
Malkin, Phg	5	19	24
Thornton, SJ	5	19	24

Not including last night's games

NBA

Heat handle Hawks to make it 19-straight wins

Dwyane Wade scored 23 points and the Miami Heat extended their winning streak to 19 games, leading wire-to-wire in beating the Atlanta Hawks 98-81 on Tuesday night.

LeBron James scored 15 and Chris Bosh and Mario Chalmers added 14 apiece for the Heat, who matched the fifth-longest streak in NBA history. They will try for their 20th straight win on Wednesday at Philadelphia, the start of a five-game trip.

Only three teams have won at least 20 consecutive games in the same season.

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The Heat's Dwyane Wade lays in a basket on Tuesday in Miami. GETTY IMAGES

Anti-lock brakes let you steer while stopping

Driving Force. Knowing how your ABS works can save you in an emergency

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Even Mercedes-Benz's AMG performance division uses anti-lock brakes. COURTESY MERCEDES-BENZ

Anti-lock braking system, or ABS, are among the most effective safety features on your car. But it's important to know how they work, so you can make the most of them when they're needed.

"The main purpose for ABS is to make sure the driver is capable of steering the vehicle in an emergency braking situation," says Sylvain Gilbert, manager of technical services for Mercedes-Benz Canada. "If you have your foot on the brakes hard and the front wheels lock, you can do whatever you want and the car won't turn. ABS keeps the brakes from locking."

Brakes use heavy metal rotors (also called discs) that are located behind the wheels and turn with them. When you press the brake pedal, metallic pads squeeze against the rotors, and the resulting friction stops the car. ABS doesn't activate during regular braking, because the tires grip the pavement and you stay in control.

But on a slippery surface, the car can slide like a toboggan. In the past, when cars didn't have ABS, drivers were trained to "pump" the brakes. This let the tires turn slightly, which gave them a chance to reestablish their grip before the driver braked again.

ABS does the same thing, but much faster than you possibly could — as much as several times a second. You don't necessarily stop any faster, and in some cases it may even take a bit longer to stop, but you'll be able to steer your vehicle. That could mean the difference between going around an object or hitting it, or getting around a corner instead of sliding into the intersection.

The sensors, computers and solenoids that ABS uses are also the basis of several other safety systems, including electronic stability control, which brakes specific wheels if your car is sliding sideways, and hill hold, which keeps them on for a few seconds so you don't roll back on an incline while going from brake to throttle.

Brake pedals used to vibrate harshly when ABS came on, but new systems are far quieter. "The system is under pressure and the pedal would vibrate because the solenoid was opening and closing and pumping that pressure," Gilbert says. You may feel the brake pedal sink slightly, but don't take your foot off it. Instead, press firmly and let the ABS do its job.

More on ABS

- ABS and electronic stability control are mandatory on all new cars sold in Canada, starting with the 2012 model year.
- The first all-electronic, four-wheel, multi-channel ABS system, the basic type used today, was invented by Bosch and first offered as an option on the 1978 Mercedes-Benz S-Class, and shortly afterwards, on the BMW 7 Series.
- ABS can only do so much. Any time the road is slippery, slow down, and start breaking sooner.

Bring it on my Facebook friend

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By early 2008, the Ford Motor Company knew something had to be done about social media.

I have no idea how many options the automaker's brain trust considered. Study social media some more? Jump in headfirst? Hide? Run? Attempt to destroy by clubbing with analog tape recorders?

But Ford ultimately did a very enlightened thing. It created a position called Global Head of Social Media and hired a guy named Scott Monty to fill it.

While Ford did dabble in social media marketing, it wanted its new hire to figure out an over arching social media strategy. Well, he and his team have done that and more. When it comes to using social media, Ford is the most progressive automaker out there, with many groundbreaking campaigns and with dedicated teams interacting with people on Facebook and Twitter.

Monty was recently named one of Forbes Magazine's Top Ten Social Media Influencers.

We had a chance last week to chew the social media fat with Monty during his trip to the city to speak at an automotive conference. We discussed lots, but here are three Ford social media initiatives and why Monty believes they were ultimately successful.

People like us

For the Fiesta Movement, 100 Fiesta vehicles were loaned out to social-media savvy "agents" before the vehicle was even officially introduced. Their videos and blogs and stories went viral.

Scott Monty was named one of Forbes' Top Ten Social Media Influencers. HANDOUT

"The fundamental lesson of Fiesta Movement was let go of your fear, turn it over to your customers and let them tell your story," said Monty.

Monty added that for this to work, Ford needed a great product and Fiesta was that. But also working in the Movement's favour was how people particularly value the opinions of people like themselves.

We've come to distrust big business and government in a way we didn't before, noted Monty. So we're looking more than ever for "third party" validation. We can get that from journalists, academics and analysts and advocates, etc., but "people like us" is the best source.

Turbocharing awareness

The all-new 2011 Ford Explorer was not revealed at an auto show. It was revealed on Facebook.

"We always have advertising that's running alongside PR, that's running alongside social media," said Monty. "But when you get the three pointing in the same direction and all coordinated in the timing, then the media dollars you spend don't have to work as hard. The level of awareness is already up."

Puppets and product features

To showcase the all-new 2012 Ford Focus we were introduced to Doug the Orange Puppet Spokesperson and his handler, John. In their short videos, found on YouTube and elsewhere, the narrative is more about Doug and John not jiving with their corporate colleagues than a sales pitch.

"It's completely un-corporate," said Monty. Doug the Puppet is known for having an eye for the ladies. John struggles with keeping Doug on his spokesperson task. It's a character-driven series that just happens to have a Ford Focus as the backdrop.

Not much to complain about here

Second Gear.
2009 to 2013
Subaru Forester

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The 2009 to 2013 generation of Subaru's Forester enjoyed a healthy sales life and a loyal following of owners. A compact crossover SUV with an eye for safety, confidence and sensibility, all models got five seats, all wheel drive (AWD) and more than 1,900 litres of cargo space. Available feature content included navigation, Bluetooth, heated leather seats, xenon lights and more.

The 2009 to 2013 generation of Subaru's Forester sold well and had a loyal following of purchasers.

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Common Issues

Check for proper operation of the air conditioning system. Some owners have reported issues with the AC, possibly accompanied by excessive noise when the system is turned on.

Be sure to determine where the timing belt lies within its service life on the Forester you're considering. If a replacement is due, it could cost up to $1,000. If you neglect said replacement, it could cost you an engine.

Feel for any tugging or pulling through the steering wheel while on a flat road. If any is present, the model you're considering may need an alignment.

Signs of turbocharger trouble on a Forester XT may include smoke from the exhaust at startup or after a drive. Be sure the turbocharged Forester you're considering hasn't been pre-warmed ahead of your test drive to conceal a smoke issue. Note that models treated to regular oil changes should have no turbocharger issues. Opt for a non-turbo model if you're concerned. Finally, front seats, hatchback prop struts and paint-on-the-rocker panels just behind the front wheels should be scrutinized for signs of wear.

Engine

Forester came with one of two engines. Standard was a proven 2.5 litre BOXER four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower. Available in the 2.5XT model was a turbocharged version, which made 225 horsepower. Manual or automatic transmissions were available.

What owners like

Owners tended to comment positively on fuel mileage, performance from the standard engine with manual gearbox, the slippery-weather assurance of the AWD system and laid-back, easy-to-drive character.

What owners dislike

Common complaints centre around bland looks, poor performance from models with the automatic transmission and a clumsy cupholder design.

Verdict

Major issues are largely non-existent here and Forester is enjoying a reputation for reliable long-term performance. Shop confidently if you find a good deal on a nicely-maintained Forester that fits your needs and budget.

The rush of speed isn't all it's revved up to be

The speedometer on the Toyota Yaris says the tiny car can go 140 miles per hour.

In reality, the bulbous subcompact's 106-horsepower engine and automatic transmission can't push it any faster than 109.

So why do the Yaris — and most other cars sold in the U.S. — have speedometers that show top speeds they can't possibly reach? The answer has deep roots in an American culture that loves the rush of driving fast. The automakers' marketing departments are happy to give people the illusion that their family car can travel at speeds rivalling a NASCAR racer. And companies often use one speedometer type in various models across the world, saving them money.

But critics say the ever-higher numbers are misleading. Some warn they create a safety concern, daring drivers to push past freeway speed limits that are 65 to 75 m.p.h. in most states.

"You reach a point where it becomes ridiculous," says Larry Dominique, a former Nissan product chief who now is executive vice-president of the TrueCar.com auto pricing website. "Eighty per cent plus of the cars on the road are not designed for and will not go over 110 m.p.h."

Last year, speedometer top speeds for new versions of the mainstream Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu were increased from 120 or 140 m.p.h. to 160, which approaches speeds on some NASCAR tracks.

Vrooooom!

"People really want to see higher numbers. It's indicative of a more powerful engine. There's a marketing pitch to it."

Fawaz Baltaji, business development manager for Yazaki North America.
Yazaki is a large supplier of speedometers for auto companies.

The speedometer on the Honda Accord already topped out at 160. All are midsize family haulers, the most popular segment of the U.S. auto market, and like most new cars, have top speeds that seldom exceed 120 m.p.h. The Yaris got its 140 m.p.h. speedometer in a redesign for the 2012 model year, giving it the same top reading as the original 1953 Chevrolet Corvette sports car.

Even the new Nissan Sentra compact has a 160 m.p.h. speedometer. There are several explanations for the speedometers. When people are comparison shopping, cars with higher speedometer readings appear to be sportier and buyers favour them even though they have no intention of driving over 100. "People really want to see higher numbers," said Fawaz Baltaji, a business development manager for Yazaki North America, a large supplier of speedometers for auto companies. "It is indicative of a more powerful engine. There's a marketing pitch to it."

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Speedometers often show far higher top speeds than cars can travel.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Upheavals in your personal life may make you feel vulnerable but there is no need to fear change. The new always replaces the old and what happens next will confirm that better days are on their way.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
This has the potential to be a really great time for you but it will only happen if you have a clear idea of what it is you want to happen. You can change you life in any way you wish.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Don't tie yourself down today. As a Gemini, you need to be free to pursue your interests in your own way and at your own speed. Family and friends may not agree but it's not about them, it's about you.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have some big ideas in your mind, but are you going to do anything with them? Remember: If you can think it you can do it, although you don't have to do it all at once.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The world may be in chaos but everything in your life is exactly how it should be. Loved ones need you to be a rock they can cling to in stormy times, so stand tall and stay strong for them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
All things exciting and unusual will attract you today. You just want to have fun. It's not often you are this adventurous but you've had your full of leading a predictable life — for the moment at least.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need to join forces with others to accomplish what you can't do on your own. You may not want to share the glory but if you do it all by yourself, there may be no glory to share.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something you think you depend on will fall by the wayside today, but don't worry. In a matter of days you will realize it has made things easier for you. It was holding you back, not holding you up.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What you learn today, about yourself and about the world, will make so many things in your life easier. The most important thing you can learn is that possessions are not what it's all about.

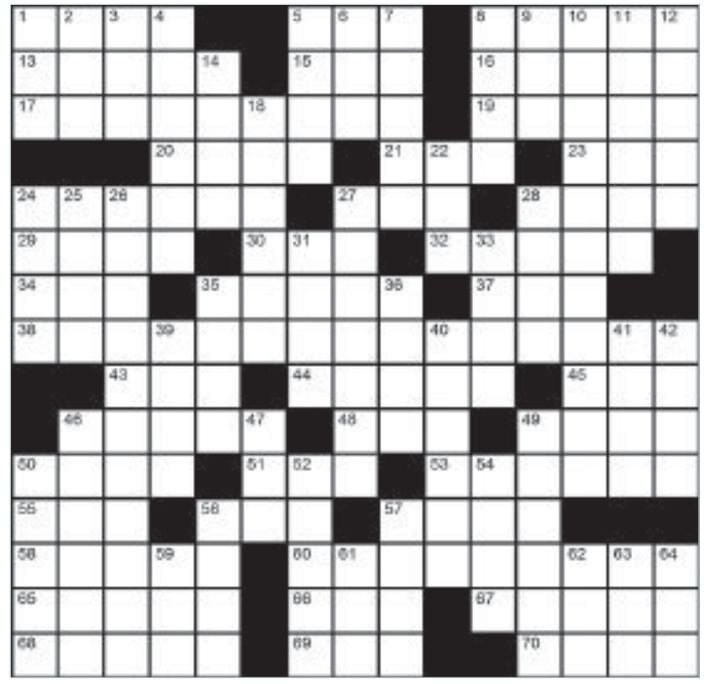
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be positive and be purposeful. Make the world sit up and take notice of your unique talents. You can accomplish more than you thought possible over the next few months, so forget about limits. They don't exist.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Everyone has rivals, even an Aquarius, and someone who resents your popularity will try to make life difficult for you over the next few days. They will only succeed if you fight fire with fire. Just ignore them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What happens today will take you by surprise. The world is not the bad place that some people say it is. In fact, it is a wonderful place full of wonderful people. You're one of them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

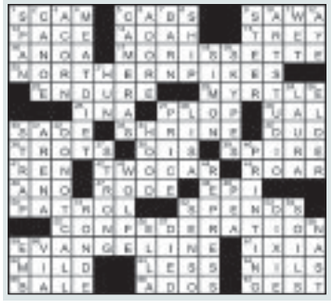
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Having wisdom
5. __ Leppard
8. Make hair wavy
13. Crunchy snacks
15. '60s singer, Little __
16. Pago Pago's land, American __
17. Canadian frozen seafood company: 2 wds.
19. Garth Brooks' "Friends __ __ Places"
20. Smashes
21. Business books balancers, briefly
23. 'Chlor' suffix
24. City in Washington state
27. Comprehend
28. Metal band, __ Row
29. In the blink __ eye: 2 wds.
30. Hairstyling product
32. Cosmetics company, __ Lauder
34. Damage
35. Sticker
37. __ coat
38. Steller's Jay is its provincial bird: 2 wds.
43. "Surprise!"
44. Big cat
45. Army unit on foot, for short
46. Connects
48. East: French
49. Encourage
50. Mr. McCartney
51. Ford, for one
53. Cherry-on-top dessert
55. 'Fool' suffix
56. Actor Mr. Robbins
57. Kind of citrus fruit
58. Some swords
60. __ Provincial Park, ON
65. "__ firma!" (Land!)
66. Roman Myth: Sun god
67. Other: French
68. Great enthusiasm [var. sp.]
69. Like a fox
70. Bunny costume props

Down
1. Teacher's workplace, for short
2. Hawaiian fish
3. Acting job
4. "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) director Nora
5. Comfy house spots
6. Nightfall
7. Classic comedy, "Royal Canadian Air __"
8. Canuck spy agency, for short
9. 54-40 song: "Baby __"
10. Nelly Furtado hit: 4 wds.
11. Roughing It in the Bush author, Susanna __
12. 'Footed' like Fido
14. Criticize
18. Pictures
22. Had a hamburger
24. Archaeological discovery
25. In the distance
26. Wildlife group traversing the tundra: 2 wds.
27. Arctic formation
28. __ cell research
31. Genuine
33. Giddy-up helper
35. Celine of song
36. Fireplace ashes ...once
39. Plug away
40. Depart-togetherer's command: 2 wds.
41. "Young Frankenstein" (1974) role
42. For _ __ (It'll be done for money)
46. National park in Alberta
47. __-Fi
49. Original
50. Michelangelo masterpiece
52. Collect
54. Arm bone
56. Nicholas II was one
57. The __ Duckling
59. __ e Leandro (Luigi Mancinelli opera)
61. Chuckling one's e-mail shorthand
62. Stage actress Ms. Hagen
63. Out of the ordinary, for short
64. Tip to 'cafe' (Brand of coffee)

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	3	6				8		
			9	2				5
2					3			7
		9	8		6		7	
	4			5			8	
	8		1		2	4		
9			7					4
1				3	5			
		4				6	5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	2	8	5	1	7	3	6
7	8	6	2	9	3	4	5	1
1	3	5	4	6	7	9	8	2
9	7	8	1	2	4	5	6	3
3	6	4	9	8	5	2	1	7
2	5	1	3	7	6	8	9	4
5	2	3	6	4	9	1	7	8
6	4	7	5	1	8	3	2	9
8	1	9	7	3	2	6	4	5

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